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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

**DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation

861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building

**Second Floor Conference Room A** 

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: 02/26/2014

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lisa Ritchie, LCDP, **President**Daniel Cooper, LPCMH, **Vice President, Presiding**Ruth Banta, Public Member, **Secretary**Irvin Bowers, Public Member (12:07 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT
Mary Davis, LCDPDr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH
Dr. Tracey Frazier, Psy.D., LCDP
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

# **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Joan McDonough, Public Member Julius Mullen, Ed,D., LPCMH Dr. William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT

### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

# **ALSO PRESENT**

Richard Brousell Sarah Coller Amy Morgan Judith Pantalino Sondra Satterfield Vera Sitze, Wilcox & Fetzer

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Ritchie called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

# **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

MHCDP Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2013

The Board reviewed the December 4, 2013 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Review and Consider Orders from Hearing Officer Recommendations for Rule to Show Cause Hearings

The Board reviewed the Order regarding Harry Weaver, LCDP. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to accept the order as presented. Motion unanimously carried. The Order was circulated for Board members' signatures.

The Board reviewed the Order regarding Olga Yatzus, LPCMH. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to accept the order as presented. Motion unanimously carried. The Order was circulated for Board members' signatures.

# Review Previously Tabled LACMH Application for Amy Morgan

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LACMH application and supplemental documentation submitted by Amy Morgan. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### Review Previously Tabled LPCMH Application for Donna Mengle

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LPCMH application and supplemental documentation submitted by Donna Mengle. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to table the application for clarification regarding the exact number of experience hours Ms. Mengle accumulated while under the direct supervision of Ms. Hale for the period of time Ms. Hale was actually licensed. The Board requested to receiver the clarification within 60 days, if it is not received within the allotted time frame, the Board will review her application as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

# Review Correspondence from Marie Gray in Response to Proposal to Deny Letter

The Board reviewed the Marie Gray's correspondence requesting that the Board postpone their proposal to deny, in order for her to obtain national certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to accept the letter and to hold the application open until June 1, 2014, in order for Ms. Gray to obtain national certification. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Formal Denial of LPCMH Application for Elizabeth Murphy

Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to formally deny the application for Elizabeth Murphy. Motion unanimously carried.

### Review Previously Tabled LACMH Application for Adrianna Bernardo-Freeman

The Board reviewed the previously tabled LACMH application and supplemental documentation submitted by Adrianna Bernardo-Freeman. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the application. Motion carried with Mr. Cooper recusing.

The Board was introduced to the Division of Professional Regulation's new Director, David Mangler. Mr. Mangler provided the Board with a brief history of his experience and thanked the Board for their service.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### Update from Legislative Committee

The Board was advised that the Legislative Committee did not meet, and the meeting has been rescheduled for February 26, 2014.

### Review of Applications for LACMH Licensure

The Board reviewed Carol Vodvarka's application for LACMH licensure. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Judith Pantalino's application for LACMH licensure. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Michelle Wanja's application for LACMH licensure. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

# Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed Doris Corbett's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Michelle Haines' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Roberta Markham's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# Formal Hearing to Lift Probation – Richard Brousell (12:30 p.m.)

At 12:40 p.m., Ms. Ritchie called the formal hearing to order for Richard Brousell. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Brousell was present and verified that he would be proceeding without counsel and that he was waiving his 20 day notice to a hearing. Ms. Singh stated the purpose of the hearing. The supervisory reports and orders were pre-marked as Board Exhibit 1. Mr. Brousell was sworn in and responded to questions asked by Board members. The Board's deliberations were recorded by the court reporter. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper to lift the probationary status for Mr. Brousell, as he has complied with all terms in the Order. Motion unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 12:49 p.m.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed Kathy Stadler's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Mary Crosby's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Louisa Obiesie's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### Review of Application for LMFT Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed Jessica Brenneman's application for LMFT licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

# Review of Application for LAMFT Licensure

The Board reviewed Lindsay Walker's application for LAMFT licensure. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve Lindsay Walker to sit for the AMFTRB exam. Ms. Walker's license will be issued upon passing the AMFTRB exam. Motion unanimously carried.

# **Election of Officers**

Ms. Ritchie moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to nominate Mr. Cherneski as President. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Cherneski accepted the nomination.

Ms. Ritchie moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to nominate Dr. Drevno as Vice President. Motion unanimously carried. Dr. Drevno accepted the nomination.

Ms. Ritchie moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to nominate Dr. Frazier as Secretary. Motion unanimously carried. Dr. Frazier accepted the nomination.

#### Status of Complaints

The Board was advised that case 33-02-12 was closed.

Review Documentation Submitted by Harry "Peter" Weaver per Recommendations of Hearing Officer from Rule to Show Cause Hearing

The Board reviewed the documentation submitted by Mr. Weaver in accordance with the recommendation from the Hearing Officer. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Dr. Frazier to accept the documentation. Mr. Weaver will be notified that he is now in compliance with the Order. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for an Extension of Time to Obtain Continuing Education Hours and to Continue Inactive Status from Kathryn Forte

The Board reviewed the request for an extension to complete the required continuing education and the inactive status request from Kathryn Forte. Mr. Cherneski moved, seconded by Ms. Davis, to grant a one year extension until January 29, 2015 for Ms. Forte to complete her continuing education. Motion carried with Ms. Ritchie and Dr. Frazier recusing.

#### Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

### Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

# **Public Comment**

Ms. Coller addressed the Board as a proxy for her sister, Mary Burns, who is an applicant. Ms. Coller inquired about the implications for insurance companies and expressed her sister's frustration regarding the application process. Ms. Coller was advised that insurance companies are radically different and they would need to be contacted directly.

# **Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2014 at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

# **Adjournment**

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Specialist II